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SUBJ: GOP REQUESTS GOI RELEASE SOME CIVILIAN DETENUE

1. MFA SPOKESMAN ON JANUARY 28 ANNOUNCED THAT GOP HAD REQUESTED GOI ONCE AGAIN TO RELEASE PAKISTANI NATIONALS ARRESTED PRIOR TO 1971 WAR WHEN THEY ENTERED INDIA WITHOUT VISAS. THESE DETAINED "REFUGEES" WERE DESCRIBED AS INCLUDING FORMER EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENT, BANKS AND TEA ESTATES. QUOTE. THE GOP HAS REPEATEDLY REQUESTED GOI FOR THEIR UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN LINKED TO THE RELEASE OF PRE-WAR PRISONERS HELD FOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES, INCLUDING ESPIONAGE. PAKISTAN HAS BEEN WILLING TO EXCHANGE ALL PRE-WAR PRISONERS HELD IN INDIA AND PAKISTAN WHO ARE NATIONALS OF THE OTHER COUNTRY. THE NAMES OF ALL INDIAN CONVICTS HELD IN PAKISTAN, NUMBERING 380, WERE GIVEN TO THE GOI IN 1972. PAKISTAN HAS, HOWEVER, SO FAR RECEIVED ONLY AN INCOMPLETE LIST OF 125 PAKISTANIS, INCLUDING REFUGEES FROM EAST PAKISTAN, HELD IN INDIAN

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CUSTODY. UNQUOTE. THE SPOKESMAN OBSERVED THAT THE

EXCHANGE WAS NOT POSSIBLE UNTIL INDIAN LIST OF PAKISTANI
DETENUS WAS COMPLETED.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF COMPLEXITY OF
SORTING OUT POPULATION EXCHANGE AMONG THREE STATES.
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